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# Everybody Is Number One in the Census

*Every 10 years, the Census Bureau conducts a complete accounting of every resident in the United States, no matter where they live or what language they speak. That's why the Census Bureau makes a special effort to include people who don't live in the usual places.*

## **Census 2000 Won't Miss People on the Road.**

Census takers will interview people staying at campgrounds, fairs and carnivals and marinas. Every person interviewed will have the opportunity to report their permanent address.

## **People Without Housing Have a Place in the Census.**

With the help of local experts, Census 2000 is identifying places where people without housing receive services, such as emergency and transitional shelters, soup kitchens, regularly-scheduled mobile food vans and targeted outdoor locations. Census workers will go to these locations to conduct the census.

## **Partnerships with Community-based Organizations are Key to Including Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers in Census 2000.**

The Census Bureau will seek the advice of local experts to find areas where migrant and seasonal farm workers live and work, including unregistered labor camps, vehicles parked near work sites and living areas along unnamed roads.

## **Special Procedures Will Be Implemented to Make Sure the Census Is as Accurate as Possible for People Living in Remote Areas.**

In remote Alaska, for instance, Census 2000 must be completed before the spring thaw. After the thaw, many residents leave their homes to hunt or conduct other spring activities — and it would be too late for enumerators to contact them.

## **People Living on Military Installations and on Military Ships Will Be Included in Census 2000.**

The Census Bureau will work with the Department of Defense and U.S. Coast Guard to identify living quarters on military installations and ships.

## **All Ocean Going, Coastal and Great Lake Ships Take Part in the Census Maritime Enumeration.**

The Census Bureau will work with the U.S. Maritime Administration and others to identify vessels in operation at the time of the census — including factory trawlers, floating processors, tuna boats, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration vessels and Military Sea Lift Command vessels.

## **Census 2000 Will Account for People Who Are Overseas Because the Government Needs Them There.**

The Census Bureau's plan will account for military personnel and federal civilian government employees, as well as their dependents who are stationed overseas.

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For additional information about Census 2000, visit the Census Bureau's Internet site at <http://www.census.gov> or call one of our Regional Census Centers across the country:

Atlanta 404-331-0573

Boston 617-424-4977

Charlotte 704-344-6624

Chicago 312-353-9759

Dallas 214-655-3060

Denver 303-231-5029

Detroit 248-967-9524

Kansas City 816-801-2020

Los Angeles 818-904-6522

New York City 212-620-7702  
or 212-620-7703

Philadelphia 215-597-8312

Seattle 206-553-5882

## **Census Takers Will Distribute Questionnaires to People Who Live in Group Quarters, Such as Nursing Homes and Dormitories.**

Census takers will assist residents who need help in completing the forms. In some facilities, such as jails, the staff will distribute census questionnaires. These staff workers, like all census workers, will be sworn to protect the confidentiality of the individual.

### **Examples of Special Places and Group Living Quarters:**

- **Universities and colleges**, including dormitories and fraternity and sorority houses.
- **Nursing facilities**, including all types of nursing and convalescent facilities, rest homes and homes for the aged.
- **Correctional institutions**, including prisons, jails, federal detention centers, police lockups, halfway houses operated for correctional purposes and community residential-treatment centers.
- **Hospitals**, including drug and alcohol recovery wards, wards for people with physical, mental and developmental disabilities and dormitories for nurses and interns.
- **Juvenile institutions**, including detention centers, residential treatment centers for emotionally disabled children, orphanages, industrial schools and camps or farms for delinquents.
- **Group homes and halfway houses**, including homes and halfway houses for drug and alcohol abuse and homes for people with developmental, mental and physical disabilities.
- **YMCAs, YWCAs and youth hostels.**
- **Job Corps centers**, including Job Corps and residential vocational training facilities.
- **Religious facilities**, including convents, monasteries and rectories.
- **Emergency and transitional shelters**, including sleeping facilities, shelters for runaway and neglected youth and shelters for abused women.
- **Soup kitchens, regularly-scheduled mobile food vans and targeted outdoor locations.**
- **Agriculture or other worker facilities**, including dormitories at migrant farm worker camps and bunkhouses for ranch hands.

## **It Will Be Easy for Everyone to Participate in Census 2000.**

Questionnaire Assistance Centers and a toll-free telephone number will provide assistance to people who have difficulty filling out the form. To make sure everyone is included, we'll make additional forms available in Spanish, as well as other languages. Advertising and promotion will be in several languages. The Census Bureau is actively seeking bilingual volunteers and recruits to staff facilities and conduct the census. Call **1-888-325-7733** for more information about Census 2000 jobs.

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## **Answering the Census Is Important, Easy and Safe.**

Participating in the census is in everyone's best interest. People who answer the census help their communities obtain federal funding and valuable information for planning schools, hospitals and roads. Census information helps decision-makers understand which neighborhoods need new schools and which ones need greater services for the elderly. The best way to make sure people like yourself are represented in the census is to complete your census questionnaire and encourage others to do so.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with others, including welfare agencies, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Internal Revenue Service, courts, police and the military. Anyone who breaks this law can receive up to five years in prison and \$5,000 in fines. The law works — millions of questionnaires were processed during the 1990s without any breach of trust.

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